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Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

On this First Sunday in Lent, the Church is led back to the beginning—to a garden where Adam fell, and to a wilderness where Christ stood firm. In Romans 5, Paul sets these two men side by side, inviting us to see the contrast between the one whose trespass unleashed sin and death upon all, and the One whose obedience brings righteousness and life to the world. Where Adam doubted God’s Word, Jesus clung to it. Where Adam’s disobedience made many sinners, Christ’s perfect obedience makes many righteous. Today we confess the deadly seriousness of our sin, but even more, we rejoice that the work of Christ is greater than the ruin wrought by Adam. Clothed in Christ’s righteousness through Baptism and strengthened by His victory over the tempter, we enter this Lenten season confident that the One who overcame in the wilderness now stands with us in every trial and leads us toward life everlasting.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. *Genesis 3:6–7*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG - "Beloved" 1 John 4:7-8

1, 2, 3 Beloved, let us love one another for Love is of God
And everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God
He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love
Beloved, let us love one another
First John four: seven and eight

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P In the garden, through one man, sin came into the world, and death through sin.

C **And so death spread to all, because all sinned.**

P In the wilderness, through one Man, righteousness stood firm against the tempter.

C **For Christ resisted Satan and remained faithful.**

P Adam's disobedience made many sinners.

C **Christ's obedience makes many righteous.**

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C **In Christ, grace abounds more than sin, and life reigns over death.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Adam hid among the trees of the garden, ashamed and afraid. We too have listened to the serpent's lies, doubted God's Word, and walked in disobedience. Let us come before our Lord, confessing our sin and trusting in the righteousness of Christ, the new Adam.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
C **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Like Adam, we have turned from Your Word, followed our own desires, and fallen into sin. We have failed to trust You in temptation and have not loved You with our whole heart. For the sake of Jesus Christ, whose perfect obedience overcomes our disobedience, forgive us, cover us with His righteousness, and renew us by Your Spirit. Amen.**

P Hear the Good News: Where Adam fell, Christ stood. Where Adam's trespass brought condemnation, Christ's obedience brings justification and life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Christ, have mercy on us.**
Lord, have mercy on us.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-merciful God, when Adam fell and sin and death spread to all, You did not abandon the world You had made, but sent forth Your Son to stand where Adam stood and to triumph where Adam failed. Led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Christ resisted the tempter, kept Your holy Law in perfect obedience, and won for us the righteousness that restores our life. As we enter this Lenten season, clothe us anew in His victory, strengthen us against every assault of the evil one, and keep us steadfast in the grace that is greater than all our sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

P We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

OPENING SONG - "Jesus Paid it All"

- 1 I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in Me thine all in all."
- 2, 4 Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
6 Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow
- 3 Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone
- 5 And when before the throne I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat
- 7 Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow, He washed it white as snow
- 8, 9 O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1-21

(Sin entered into the world through the fall of Adam.)

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 32:1-7

L ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
C **whose sin is covered.**

L ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
C **and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
C **through my groaning all day long.**

L ⁴For day and night your hand ⁴was heavy upon me;
C **my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

L ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"**
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
C **surely in the rush of great waters,**
they shall not reach him.

L ⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
C **you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19

(By one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience shall the many be declared righteous.)

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

Ephesians 6:11

- P** Put on the armor of the Lord,
- C** **Stand firm upon His holy Word;**

- P** Against the scheming of the foe,
- C** **In Christ be strong where'er you go.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

(Our Lord is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

- P** ¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, *"It is written,*
- C** ***"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."***

- P** ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."⁷Jesus said to him, *"Again it is written,*
- C** ***'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'***

P ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, *“Be gone, Satan! For it is written,*

C *“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”*”

P ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

LAMB’S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
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4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written.’” Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

OFFERTORY - “O How I Love Jesus” 1 John 4: 16

- 1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth
 It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth
- 2, 4, 6, 7 O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus
 O, how I love Jesus because He first loved me
- 3 It tells me of a Savior’s love, who died to set me free
 It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner’s perfect plea
- 5 It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe
 Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below

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BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

P Lord, we seek your Blessings on these Quilts as they are distributed to people less fortunate than we are and those in need of comfort. May each recipient realize that someone cares for them. We thank you for the ladies that have contributed to these projects with ingredients, the sewing, the tying, and the finishing. Now we ask that you protect and guide those who will deliver them to the people that need them most.

C Amen.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You reveal in Your Word the tragic fall of Adam and the deadly reign of sin that has touched every life. Yet You also reveal the greater work of Christ, whose obedience restores what Adam lost. Fix our eyes on Jesus, the new Adam, who stood firm where we fell, and who now clothes us in His righteousness. Strengthen us in every temptation, that we may trust Your promises and walk in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, as Your Son overcame the devil in the wilderness by the power of the written Word, so arm Your Church with that same Word today. Give pastors courage to preach Law and Gospel with clarity, and grant all Your people steadfast hearts to resist the lies of the evil one. Through the proclamation of Christ's victory, turn sinners from death to life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, preserve all catechumens, all children and their parents, and every Christian home. Guard them from the assaults of the tempter, and let the righteousness of Christ—won by His perfect obedience—be their covering and confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of all nations, You have established earthly authorities for the good of Your creation. Grant wisdom, humility, and integrity to all who govern. Keep them from the allure of power and from the deception of the evil one, that they may serve with justice and promote what is good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, You are the refuge of the weary, the healer of the sick, and the hope of the dying. Look with compassion upon all who suffer in body or spirit, the lonely, the troubled, the grieving, and the dying, especially *[names may be spoken]*. According to Your gracious will, grant them healing, strength, and peace, and deliver them at last to the life that Christ has won. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, just as You covered the shame of our first parents with garments not their own, so clothe us in the righteousness of Christ, the new Adam. Grant us repentant hearts, steadfast faith, and confidence that His obedience has overcome the sin and death we inherited from Adam. Strengthen us in every temptation and keep us firm in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Generous Lord, You daily provide for all our needs, yet we often love the gifts more than the Giver. Deliver us from trusting in possessions or earthly security. Make us wise and faithful stewards, eager to help the poor, the unemployed, and the oppressed, and generous in supporting the work of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You have given us a refuge in the Body of Christ, where grace reigns more powerfully than sin and life more powerfully than death. Protect Your Church from every assault of the evil one, preserve us in unity of doctrine, and raise up faithful workers for Your harvest. Keep us steadfast until that day when, freed from temptation and death, we shall dwell with You in everlasting joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, the obedient One, the new Adam, our Savior and our King.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P O Lord God, whose Son stood firm where Adam fell and whose obedience has overcome the sin and death that came through one man, grant that we who are born under Adam's curse may take refuge in Christ, the new Adam, and live by His righteousness. Strengthen us in every temptation, uphold us by Your life-giving Word, and bring us at last from the wilderness of this world into the joy of the life He has won; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,”
“Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.*

CLOSING SONG - “Beautiful One”

1 Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love
 Your cross is spoken mercy over me
 No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart can fully know
 How glorious, how beautiful You are

2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 Beautiful One I love
 Beautiful One I adore
 Beautiful One, my soul must sing

3 Powerful, so powerful Your glory fills the skies
 Your mighty works displayed for all to see
 The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
 How marvelous, how wonderful You are

6, 7 You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
 You captured my heart with this love
 ‘Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You
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